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Attempting to address Microsoft's anti-competitive business practices and monopolistic existence with the current proposed settlement is like trying to keep a freight train which is moving 90 miles an hour from hitting a car on the tracks 100 feet away by issuing the train a speeding ticket. Good luck!

The only way to "stop the train" is by breaking it up.

My opinion: reject the current settlement and revert to the previous recommendation of the federal attorneys to break up Microsoft into separate entities.

Think about it! Will breaking up Microsoft REALLY hamper its ability to innovate as they claim? What flaming nonsense! One only has to look at the past two decades of technological innovation to see that small companies can innovate as well or better than big companies. Microsoft's "innovations" will in NO way be hampered by separating them into small companies. The only thing it will do is allow competition an incremental move towards a better ability to compete with Microsoft. Even such a move would only be incremental because of Microsoft's vastly superior financial resources for marketing and extended court battles and its current ability to conduct anti-competitive business practices.

It is the small innovators that need Federal protection, not the monoliths like Microsoft. Get with it.